

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 60, line 2 as follows:

In the case where an image is directly written based on digital data, a proper plate material sensitivity is 0.005 to 2 J/cm<sup>2</sup> in order to manufacture a writing apparatus which is practical in view of cost, the size of the apparatus, and so on. However, it is not easy to achieve this plate material sensitivity with the titanium oxide photocatalyst alone.

Accordingly, the present inventors investigated the possibility of adding a substance which has sensitizing effect, and found that a group ~~VIIa or IVb~~ VIB or IVA metal is effective in exertion of sensitizing effect.